

## County Votes to Pay 'Sour' Bonds Of 2 More Dists.

Allocation of a total of \$5,283 from the county's special assessment relief fund to assist in settling outstanding bonded indebtedness of two local special assessment districts was authorized this week by the board of supervisors.

The districts are Electric st., known as county A. and I. No. 122, and Prairie ave., known as County A. and I. No. 218. Both are badly delinquent in current payments, the supervisors were advised this week by the special assessment relief committee.

Allocation of \$2,744 was made to the Electric st. district, and \$2,539 to Prairie ave. Both districts also lie within the old Alondra Park special assessment district, making them, in the words of one county official, "doubly sour."

Under the plan of settlement, the county is paying 40 percent of the cost of acquiring the outstanding bonds, and interest coupons. The city of Torrance also is paying 40 percent, and the property owners will pay the other 20 percent. When the bonds are delivered to the county, the county will then cancel them.

## Seven Scheduled to Compose 9th Draft Call-Out

Immediately after dispatching 11 young men to a Los Angeles induction station Monday morning for a year's Army training, members of Selective Service Board No. 280, serving this community, buckled down to business again to name a contingent of seven who will compose the ninth state draft call-out and leave Torrance June 5 at 7:30 a. m.

A total of 2,052 white selectees and 72 Negroes are in the contingent which will be called into service between June 2 and 4 throughout the state. The Torrance draft board secretary, Carl Marteller, said this week that 2,550 questionnaires out of the total of 3,060 have been sent out to men in this area who are registered.

Carl Steele, chairman of the draft board, and Rev. Frank T. Porter spoke at a brief farewell ceremony for the draftees who composed the eighth state draft call-out. A crowd of about 150 gathered in front of the Civic Auditorium to bid goodbye to the young men who left on a chartered P. E. bus. Lloyd Amel McNeess, 1007 Cota ave., was named leader of the group which included:

Harold Thomas Jones, 21, grinder, 840 East 118th st., Los Angeles, a transfer from Elwood City, Pa.  
Noburo Nakamoto, 23, farm laborer, Rt. 1 Box 159, Redondo Beach.  
Herbert Adolf Lohman, 31, refrigeration fitter, 1422 West 18th st., Gardena.  
Harry Tasio Yamamoto, 24, farm laborer, Rt. 1 Box 195, Torrance.  
Kazuhiko Yamada, 26, farm laborer, Rt. 2 Box 357, D. Gardena.  
John Bartley Kilgore, 26, laborer, 4528 182nd st., Redondo Beach.  
Lloyd Amel McNeess, 24, reinforcing iron worker, 1007 Cota ave., Torrance.  
Robert Cecil Justice, 31, rubber bootler, 1223 El Prado, Torrance.  
Paul Joe Salinas, 24, truck driver, Rt. 2 Box 58, Gardena.  
Taduo Shimokaji, 24, farmer, Rt. 2 Box 357 G. Gardena.  
Nicholas Earl Riley, 21, planer operator, Highway 101, Lomita, a transfer from Kirkwood, Mo.

**DEBT AGE GROUPS IN STATE TOLD**  
More than three-quarters of California men so far inducted into military service were in the 18 to 27 year age group, Adjutant General J. O. Donovan made the announcement as national selective service officials in Washington asked Congress to enact legislation to permit deferment of men over 27 years.

Only 11 per cent of the men inducted were in the 31 to 36 year age group, Donovan said. The 18 to 21 group constituted 3.02 per cent, and while not subject to draft under present law chose to take their training (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Mexican Dances in Auditorium Are Banned

Determined to put a stop to the series of disturbances that always accompanied the entertainments, Police Chief John Stroh appealed to Councilman George V. Powell, police commissioner, Monday to deny any further use of the Civic Auditorium to a Mexican organization sponsoring dances there every other Saturday night.

Powell immediately banned the rental of the Auditorium to the Mexican group in the future. Police records show that during and after each of the dances, local police have had to settle from one to five fights, arrest from one to 10 men on charges of intoxication and also, according to Chief Stroh, have had to "take a lot of abuse" from the participants.

## Car Strippers Nabbed Here

Two young men, 18 and 26 years old, were arrested by Torrance police early Tuesday morning and booked for theft. They admitted stealing two tires and wheels of cars parked near the Columbia Steel plant and a quantity of oil from an Inglewood service station, according to Police Chief John Stroh.

The men were Homer Ray Stokes, 26, of 1430 West 221st st., and Oliver Deheart Charlesworth, 18, of Redondo Beach. They were arrested at 220th and Border ave. Their hearings have not yet been set, pending further investigation.

## Youth Faces Prison Term for Theft of Oil Rig Mercury

Recently released from the county jail where he had served six months for assault with a deadly weapon, Roland Conner Hall, 22, of Lomita, was arrested Monday in Los Angeles on charges of stealing mercury from gauges on oil well derricks in this vicinity.

Because of his prior conviction, Hall faces a prison sentence. His bail was fixed at \$1,000 and he was returned to the county jail Tuesday after his preliminary hearing was fixed for Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

## Former P. E. Clerk Now In Charge of Army R. R. Traffic

In striking contrast to the stories told by veterans of the World War I—when skilled mechanics were assigned to labor jobs, and experienced clerical workers were put in the cavalry—is the message received this week by Wm. H. Bratton, local agent of the Pacific Electric railway.

In an interesting letter from Frank Kauffman, former clerk at the Torrance P. E. station, Kauffman tells of his experiences at Fort Lewis, Washington. He has been put in charge of railway traffic, handling both troop and freight movements, which is "right up his alley." Judging from the large amount of cars handled as described by Kauffman, activities at Fort Lewis are booming, and the defense drive is assuming huge proportions.

## Construction Begins on New Church Structure



Here's the architect's conception of the new Christian Science church to be built at the corner of Manuel ave. and 218th st. at a cost of \$17,000.

## Alondra Park Cleared for FHA Building

The complete list of assessments against every parcel of property in the old Alondra Park A. and I. district 28, showing the amount each property owner will pay under the refunding proceeding, is now on file with the board of supervisors.

Taking up 10 volumes, the list of assessments and maps is by far the bulkiest filed in connection with any refunding district in the county. It was compiled in the office of Frank Pore, secretary to the county's special assessment relief committee.

All assessments are listed by number, and each property owner is being notified of his assessment number as to any parcel of land. A total of \$370,824 is shown by the list of re-assessments. The outstanding indebtedness against the district was \$618,000. The county appropriated \$369,000, or one-half of the amount, to help lift the assessment burden.

**Building Boom Foreseen**  
Filing of the assessment list makes Alondra Park's 9,000 acres available for FHA loans and a residential building boom is expected to get under way there soon. Property owners in the district have 30 days in which to pay off the new assessments. Failing to pay the charges will cause them to become 10 year liens with interest at four per cent.

"At long last Gardena valley is now ready to go places in the building field," commented Pat MacDonnell, secretary of the local chamber of commerce. "We, as well as those portions of Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hawthorne and the unincorporated areas, can now apply for FHA loans. This summer should see a record building boom in the valley."

MacDonnell was the spearhead in a drive started over a year ago to get the park district refunded. Given support by Supervisor Oscar Hague the drive gained momentum until finally the board of supervisors made the necessary appropriation to refund the district. Since that time the legal routine of public hearing on refunding and re-assessment map occupied a few more months.

## Motorist Faces Trial For Drunk Driving

Charged with driving while intoxicated on 190th st. Saturday, William Thomas Kudlemeyer, 26, of 24820 Woodward st. Lomita is scheduled to appear before Judge John Shidler in Torrance today. He was released on \$100 bail after his arrest following an automobile accident.

**CRIME TALKS TONIGHT**  
"Before and After Crime" will be discussed before the Torrance Rotary club tonight by David Bogan and Mr. Haskell, deputy probation officers. Bogan is in charge of the Torrance area.

## Foundation is Laid For \$17,000 Building

Foundation for the new First Church of Christ, Scientist, Georgian-type building, was finished yesterday and actual construction of the \$17,000 edifice at the corner of Manuel ave. and 218th st. is scheduled to be finished in about four months. Main entrance of the church will be opposite the apex of the corner of Manuel and 218th and there will be a side entrance to the large reading room from Manuel ave.

Carl L. Hyde is contractor for the structure, which when completed and furnished will represent an investment of approximately \$20,000. It was learned this week. The Christian Science church has owned the property on which the edifice is being built for a number of years. Because of its location and frontage on two fine residential streets it is regarded as an ideal site for such a building.

Designed by Aubrey St. Clair, Laguna Beach architect who has several similar buildings to his credit, the church will be Georgian in style, furnishings and appointments. A 16 by 20-foot foyer with a distribution room and library with a 17½ by 12-foot reading room on either side will lead into the main auditorium which will have a seating capacity of 210.

The auditorium will be 34 by 50 feet in size. At one side there is space for an organ. The church librarian will have a comfortable office adjoining the reading room. Fronting the auditorium will be a large platform and sliding doors on either side will admit to rooms in the back for the pianist, soloist, two readers, a storeroom for garden tools and lavatory. The exterior will be attractively landscaped.

**FINAL RAIN TOTAL**  
With the summer's hot weather driving away hopes of further rainfall, it appears that the season's total for 1940-41 in Torrance will stand at a record 30.98 inches as compared with 17.24 inches for 1939-40.

Retail sales of gasoline in Canada for the first nine months of 1940 amounted to 680,105,000 gallons.

## Fireside Chat

For the first time in four months, President Roosevelt will address 130 million Americans and the rest of the world in a fireside chat from the White House, next Wednesday evening, May 27. That will be between 5:30 and 6 o'clock here.

What will he talk about? Rumor is rife and prediction floats on every breeze. The convoy question is a likely subject, and one hardly to be avoided. America's further part in the declared policy of all-out aid to Britain is a very hot and timely issue. Means of getting the other 15 cylinders of the country's 16 cylinder defense machine moving, surely will be discussed. And undoubtedly the current labor tie-ups of vital defense production will receive presidential attention.

Some commentators are even insisting that the President plans to shock people out of their rocking chairs with a virtual declaration of war. Despite White House reports that there will be "no world-shaking pronouncements" in the forthcoming address, the world, nevertheless, will be listening in with both ears, for it fully expects every syllable to be a significant one. Meantime, until the very moment the President says, "My friends..." everybody can indulge a perfect orgy of speculation on the subject of the coming fireside chat.

## Lot Auction Plans Laid by Council

Most of the time spent by city councilmen late Tuesday afternoon in an adjourned meeting was a continuation of study given at a Monday afternoon adjourned session to the ordinance pertaining to the coming public auction sale of tax delinquent properties acquired by the city from the county.

This measure, prepared by the Associated Assessment Engineers who are handling this matter for the city, provides for the receipt of sealed bids as well as oral offers at a future council meeting when the auction will be conducted.

In contrast with other recent regular meetings of the council, when standing room was at a premium, there were no spectators present Monday and only three in attendance Tuesday. The ordinance pertaining to the land auction was approved for its final reading Tuesday and will become effective 30 days after its final passage, scheduled for next Tuesday night, May 27, at a regular council session.

A representative from the Associated Assessment Engineers was present Tuesday to explain the purpose of the ordinance. He pointed out that about 90 lots are now in the process of being "cleared" for the sale and that the first group of about 10 will be well advertised so that the public will have full advance information about the transaction.

A list of the properties to go on the municipal auction block will be filed with the city clerk for public reference, the Engineer stated. This will contain a full description of each lot, its cost to the city, valuation, physical characteristics, location and a complete report on the various public facilities such as gas, lights, water and sewers serving the property.

Thus, a prospective purchaser, may learn in advance just what is being offered and what the city expects to get out of it to return the land to the tax roll.

## Chamber to Elect Three Directors From 6 Nominees June 2

An election of three directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, to fill the offices of Directors R. R. Smith, Sherwood McIntyre and Thomas Mitchell, whose terms are expiring, will be held on June 2. All three new directors must be representative of the industrial group.

Six nominees have been selected by the nominating committee, as follows: Harwood Clark, Torrance Brass Foundry; George Evans, Pacific Electric Railway; Max Felker, Felker Manufacturing Company; Sherwood McIntyre, Chansior-Canfield Midway Oil Co.; William Shawger, Rubbercraft Corporation, and R. R. Smith, National Supply Company. Director Mitchell declined to be a candidate for re-election.

Members of the nominating committee were: W. H. Gilbert, Robt. McCallum, Charles E. Conner and R. J. DeLinger. At the meeting of Chamber directors held Monday, a tentative budget of \$7200 for the coming fiscal year, was discussed.

## City Buys \$4,342 Worth of Water Pipe

Purchase of water pipe at a total cost of approximately \$4,342.48 was voted by the city council at an adjourned session late Tuesday afternoon following the opening of four bids. The order was awarded to the Grinnell Pipe Company on its quotation of 794 per foot for 4,000 feet of six-inch pipe and 52 cents per foot for 2,000 feet of four-inch pipe delivered from Los Angeles yards.

## Minor Changes Made in Civil Service Law

Two amendments to the Civil Service ordinance, covering all city workers and appointee-officials were approved by the city council at an adjourned session late Tuesday afternoon. These and the rest of the measure, are scheduled to be adopted at the next meeting of the council, scheduled for May 27.

Instead of requiring all city workers to be registered voters, the ordinance will merely demand that they be U. S. citizens. The second amendment gave the city engineer jurisdiction over the city painting department (now composed of one painter), as well as the street, parks, electrical, and plumbing departments.

## Recall Move Finds Favor Thruout City

A partial check-up of petitions by the Recall Committee, which met last evening in Chairman Charles Mitschlich's office, gave assurance that there would be more than enough signatures on the petitions seeking the recall of Councilmen Powell, Murray and Babcock to demand an election.

However, it was decided to continue the canvass right up to the legal deadline on June 8, in order to obtain a good surplus of names because of non-conformity with the registration lists.

City Clerk Bartlett states that 720 bona-fide signatures are required to call an election.

**Undergoing Check**  
Examination of petitions reveals thorough cross-section of voters throughout the entire city. The petitions bear the signatures of residents on practically every street in town, and represent voters in every walk of life.

It was considered significant that the names of many people, who were known to have supported the recallists at the last election, are now affixed to the petitions demanding their ouster from office.

All signatures obtained so far are being checked against the registration list, in order to avoid contacting the same people again, and to furnish a live list of prospects to the members of the Recall Committee who are conducting the canvass.

All persons circulating petitions are urged by Chairman Mitschlich to submit their petitions at once to his office, so that the signatures may be checked against the registration list.

## Mary Hopkins Dies Suddenly From Stroke

A stroke, superinduced by high blood pressure, suddenly claimed the life last night of Mrs. Mary Helen Colwell Hopkins, 76-year-old mother of Fred B. Hopkins, with whom she made her home at 1514 Engracia ave. since 1924. Mrs. Hopkins was stricken at her home and was rushed to Torrance Memorial hospital where she expired a few minutes later.

Beloved by many close friends here, she had a host of acquaintances who deeply regret her passing. Yesterday she visited some of those friends and was down town in the best of health, despite the fact that she suffered a minor stroke and injured her side as result of a fall several weeks ago.

The funeral services will be held at Stone and Myers chapel, Saturday afternoon with Rev. Harry Branton, pastor of the Methodist church, of which Mrs. Hopkins was a lifetime member, officiating. Interment will be at Inglewood cemetery.

**Of Pioneer Stock**  
Mrs. Hopkins was the daughter of Daniel T. Hopkins and Chloe Luther Colwell and was born Aug. 26, 1865, in the same farmhouse near North Scituate, Rhode Island that was her mother's birthplace 25 years before. The home had been in the family's possession for 150 years.

Mrs. Hopkins was the eighth lineal descendant of Roger Williams, founder of the colony of Rhode Island. Her father was a Civil War veteran who was wounded at Gettysburg. She married George Franklin Hopkins, Jr., great-grandson of Stephen Hopkins, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, in 1888 in North Scituate. Following the death of (Continued on Page 8-A)

## MARCH OF RIMES

Man's greatest blessing, seems to me, as old as ancient history, began as stone, then wood, then steel, the lowly, aye the mighty wheel. Across the plains in early days, huge wheels moved on against delays, and took their precious cargoes West, triumphant o'er each crucial test. Then railroads came, and lo, the wheel divorced the trails to run on steel; enabling lots of folks to ride about the land, from tide to tide. And finally, from near and far, came wheels to join the motor car. So here's to man's revolving slave which serves him—well to his grave.



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